



# CITY OF LODI

## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Purchase of Microcomputers for the Public Works Department and the Electric Utility Department (approx. \$41,000)

MEETING DATE: March 5, 1997

PREPARED BY: Public Works Director and Electric Utility Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council adopt the attached resolution authorizing the purchase of sixteen (16) desktop computers for the engineering divisions of the Public Works and Electric Utility departments from Micron Electronics, Inc. of Nampa, Idaho.

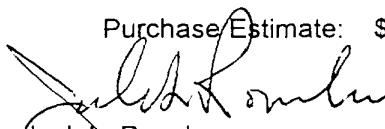
BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Public Works and Electric Utility departments have many old desktop computers which are outdated and have exceeded their useful life cycle. All of the computers being replaced are over five years old. The average useful life cycle for a desktop computer is three to four years. The information system consultant (Comsul) recommended 36 to 42 months for personal computer replacements. The outdated computers cannot run any of the currently adopted standardized software. The new computers will allow us to standardize versions of e-mail, word processing and spreadsheet software within the respective divisions, which can increase staff's productivity.

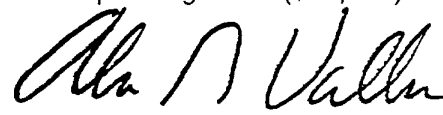
Among the computers purchased for the Public Works Department, one will be set up on the Public Works counter to improve customer service. This computer will be used by staff to access the City's various system maps and aerial photographs for the public.

In the past few years, Public Works Engineering Division staff has purchased individual desktop computers from Micron Electronics, Inc. via purchase order. Staff has found that Micron's computer systems are very reliable and provide high performance while being competitive in price. Also, by buying from the same vendor, we can simplify the support for our computer systems. Based on these reasons, staff is recommending a direct purchase from Micron Electronics, Inc. for our replacement computer systems.

FUNDING: Public Works (10 units) - From the Engineering fiscal year 1995/96 carry over (\$24,000)  
Electric Utility (6 units) - Budgeted in the 1996/97 operating funds (\$18,000)

Purchase Estimate: \$41,000

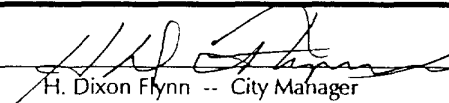
  
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Public Works Director

  
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Attachment

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Purchasing Officer  
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APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

  
H. Dixon Flynn -- City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 97-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL  
APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF SIXTEEN MICROCOMPUTERS  
FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND THE  
ELECTRIC UTILITY DEPARTMENT

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WHEREAS, Lodi Municipal Code, §3.20.070, authorizes dispensing with bids for purchases of supplies, services or equipment when it is in the best interests of the City to do so; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works and Electric Utility Departments have many old and outdated desktop computers and have exceeded their useful life cycle; and

WHEREAS, the average useful life cycle for a desktop computer is three to four years; and

WHEREAS, the information system consultant, Comsul, has recommended 36 to 42 months for personal computer replacements; and

WHEREAS, the outdated computers cannot run any of the currently adopted standardized software; and

WHEREAS, the new computers will allow staff to standardize versions of e-mail, word processing and spreadsheet software within the respective divisions; and

WHEREAS, in the past few years, Public Works Engineering staff has purchased individual desktop computers from Micron Electronics, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, staff has found that Micron's computer systems are very reliable and provide high performance while being competitive in price; and

WHEREAS, by buying from the same vendor, staff can simplify the support for the computer system and therefore recommends a direct purchase from Micron Electronics, Inc. for the replacement computer systems.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby approves the sole source purchase of sixteen (16) microcomputers for the Public Works Department and the Electric Utility Department from Micron Electronics, Inc., of Nampa, Idaho, in the approximate amount of \$41,000.00.

Dated: March 5, 1997

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I hereby certify that Resolution No. 97-26 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held March 5, 1997, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS -

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS -

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS -

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS -

JENNIFER M. PERRIN  
City Clerk